

CLARION CALL TO SOUTH IS HEEDED

New Era of Industry and Commercial Progress Is Promised.

STUPENDOUS PLAN IS TO BE CONSUMMATED

Southern Commercial Congress Succeeded in Making the South Know Itself, and the Great Office Building in Washington Will Advertise It.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., December 20.—That the clarion call to a new era of industry and commercial progress has been sounded through the recent Southern Commercial Congress is the opinion expressed by G. Grover Dawe, director-general of the congress, to an Associated Press representative to-day.

"The Southern Commercial Congress was a stupendous project, with a complex purpose. It was designed to make the South know itself, and to utilize the most fitting moment for such a congress that has ever occurred in American history."

"The spirit of the congress was not to boast that the South was more gifted than the North, not to stir up animosity, but simply to declare that the South, with its possessions, needed development in order to bring the nation to its proper development. The clarion call of the congress to the men of the South was for them to live at the South because the nation needs a greater South."

A Stupendous Plan. "The stupendous plan of the Congress naturally led to a stupendous plan and one that is just as sound and as sane, but which could not have been possible except as an outgrowth of the Congress which suggested it. The project is to erect a great office building and auditorium in Washington. Its rentals will be devoted to the furtherance of all commercial projects in the South that will aid in bringing this section into a parity of development with the rest of the United States. It will also be the home of all Southern clubs."

There will be maintained there an exposition of the South as it is, and in such a way as to bring immediate results. The effort will be towards special studies; each great resource of the South being assigned to a room.

Those of us who have our hearts in this matter feel confident that such a co-operative move will accelerate enormously the great development that has already come to the South."

Grover Dawe says that more than \$250,000 is already in the hands of the \$1,000,000 building at Washington.

SAME POLICY

Tell to Continue Roosevelt's Policy Towards Latin America.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20.—In view of the close relations of commerce and comity between the United States and the twenty Latin American republics, a letter of President-elect Taft made public to-night, announcing that he will continue the present policy towards Latin America, and that he will continue the present policy towards Latin America, and that he will continue the present policy towards Latin America.

BARBER KILLED "JACKY"

Later Had Criticized the Cleanliness of His Barber Shop.

PENSACOLA, FLA., December 20.—Robert Laird, an employee of the Pensacola naval yard, was shot and killed to-day by a man named Tony Facetti, a barber named Tony Facetti. Facetti was arrested by marines, and he was standing in a group of young men on the naval reservation, when the Italian approached, and without warning, drew a revolver and fired five shots at Laird. Laird fell in his tracks, and died without uttering a word.

PROTECT SHELL FISH

Preliminary Meeting for Organization in New York January 15th.

NEW YORK, December 20.—A preliminary meeting for the organization of a protection of shell fisheries will be held on January 15th.

COMMITTS SUICIDE

Well-Dressed Man Ends His Life on the Streets of Jacksonville.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., December 20.—A well-dressed man, supposed to be R. A. Martin, of New York City, committed suicide in front of 7th Day's Street to-day.

SUYDAM MAY RECOVER

Lumaden, the North Carolina Inventor, May Not Answer Murder Charge.

NEW YORK, December 20.—Marked improvement to-day in the condition of Harry B. Suydam, the curb broker, who was shot and seriously wounded yesterday on Broad Street by John C. Lumaden, an inventor, makes it probable that Lumaden, when he is called into court for examination to-morrow, will say to the jury that the murder which a first seemed likely to arise in the case. At the hospital it was said to-night that Suydam's chances of recovery are excellent.

Lumaden, gave a disheveled appearance when he was arraigned in court to-day and committed to the Tombs without bail, to await examination to-morrow.

PUT THEM IN SCHOOL

Judges Are Considering a Plan for the De Castillane Children.

PARIS, December 20.—The court before the suit of Count de Castillane for the transfer of his three children from the care of their mother, Princess de Sagan, to the care of the Marquis de Castillane has been conducted in now considering the advisability of ordering the children placed in a high school, where they shall remain for a stated period, or as partial boarders.

With that object, the three judges constituting the court and a representative of the public prosecutor yesterday examined the children to ascertain whether they are physically and mentally fitted for school life.

MAJOR SMITH DEAD

Founder and Head of Largest Newspaper Syndicate in United States.

NEW YORK, December 20.—Major Orlando Smith, president and general manager of the American Press Association since 1882, died at his home in Dobbs Ferry to-night. Major Smith had been ill since September, at which time he was operated upon for cancer of the stomach, but throughout his illness he retained his interest in the newspaper world.

Major Smith, founder and president until his death of the American Press Association, was a prominent figure in American journalism for forty years. As head of the largest newspaper syndicate in the United States he held relations with publishers throughout the country. Few men were better known in the newspaper world.

GAILY DANCED AT 113

His Partner in the Grand March 100 Years His Junior.

OAKLAND, CAL., December 20.—Captain Goddard Gaily, 113 years old, danced a grand march to-night, and led the grand march, with Miss Marie Montreth, who is 100 years his junior.

Captain Diamond was born in Plymouth, Mass., and in his early youth he was connected with the building of the first railroad in the country. During the Civil War he was a special agent of the government. He is a vegetarian, and he has written a book on the subject of longevity.

ON HUNTING TRIP

Postmaster-General Meyer and Son Tell of Hunting Trip to North Carolina.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20.—Postmaster-General Meyer, accompanied by his son, George W. Meyer, left yesterday for a hunting trip to North Carolina. They will be the guests of the Houshington Shooting Club, of Houshington, N. C., and he has promised some good sport, because of the abundance of quail.

HARRIMAN IS ILL

Was Unable to Spend Week-End at His Country Place.

NEW YORK, December 20.—It was learned to-day that E. H. Harriman was unable to go to his country place at Arden over the week-end, as he had been ill, and that he is now at his Fifth Avenue home recovering from the effects of a bilious attack.

CENTENARIAN DIES

Was Vegetarian, and Only Recently Had Operation of Physician.

DUNKIRK, N. Y., December 20.—William Ives, 105 years old, died at his home in Fredonia to-day, after a brief illness.

Close Picture Shows on Sunday

NEW YORK, December 20.—As an outcome of the agitation recently started by clergymen of the city, Mayor McClellan to-day announced that he would hold on Wednesday next a public hearing on the advisability of closing moving-picture shows on Sundays. There are said to be 300 moving-picture shows running every Sunday.

Will Sever Connection.

NEW YORK, December 20.—An announcement was made to-day that John J. Hannahan, grand master of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, and Engineers, would on January 1st next sever his official connection with the organization, to take the vice-presidency of the American Automatic Stoker Company.

Editor Dies Suddenly.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., December 20.—J. T. Senter, editor of the Columbia (Miss.) Commercial, died suddenly in a hospital here to-day. He was widely known throughout the South, having served in the Mississippi Legislature, and was one time president of the Mississippi Press Association. He was also grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of that State.

WENT FOR BREAD, HANGED HIMSELF

Unfortunate Bohemian Separated From Family While Coming to Petersburg.

PURSUED THE TRAIN OVER THREE MILES

Without Knowledge of the Country or How to Communicate With His Wife and Eleven Children on the Departed Train, He Kills Himself.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BLUEFIELD, W. VA., December 20.—Two men returning from a hunting trip this noon discovered the dead body of a Bohemian, Charles Klecar, hanging to an apple tree in this city. The man had been dead apparently twelve hours. No marks of violence were on the body. He was en route with his wife and eleven children from Winnipeg, Manitoba, to Petersburg, Va. The children and wife are in Roanoke, Va., not having missed the husband until the conductor commenced to take tickets Saturday night east of Bluefield, on the through train from Columbus to Norfolk. Thinking that the husband had got off and would be on the next train, they waited hours without friends or money, until this noon, when notified by the railroad authorities, who, by inquiry, found the man had committed suicide or was murdered in this city.

The children are all small, as the man only had five tickets, all from Columbus, O., to Petersburg, while he had eight baggage checks from Winnipeg to Petersburg.

The man evidently pursued the train with eleven children, and he waited hours without friends or money, until this noon, when notified by the railroad authorities, who, by inquiry, found the man had committed suicide or was murdered in this city.

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TO REPEAT CONFESSION

Night rider Who Turned State's Evidence on Stand To-Day.

UNION CITY, TENN., December 20.—Frank Fehring, the self-confessed member of the night rider clan, and one of the State's principal witnesses, who occupy the witness stand to-morrow in the night rider trial, it is expected, when this fact becomes known, that the attendance in the courtroom will be the largest since the beginning of the trial, and every precaution will be taken to prevent any demonstration. A detail of soldiers will be on duty in the courtroom. Fehring will in all probability repeat to the jury in every detail the sensational confession which, it is said, he has made to two grand juries.

The jury was escorted to the Methodist Church by the deputy sheriffs who have it in charge. No reference of any kind was made to the trial by the Rev. Dr. Sellers in his sermon, the minutes of the city having been asked to refrain from any mention by Judge Jones.

WILL DRAW FIRES

Glass Works in West Virginia Will Close Down This Week.

MORGANTHAU, W. VA., December 20.—The fires of the Marilla Window Glass Company, at Marilla, will be turned out to-morrow after the glass is loaded out of the tanks. After doing the first at least three weeks would be required to reheat the glass and resume work.

At the Jones plant here notice has been posted that the fires will be drawn unless the men return to work by 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Will Continue Demand. CLARKSBURG, W. VA., December 20.—Clarksbury and neighboring glass works are continuing to demand a mass-meeting of window glass workers held here to-day. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to continue the demand for the adoption of the new wage scale, which means that the strike will continue.

CONGRESS BUYS MULE

Pays Bill Incurred by Union Officer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 19.—A claim for \$150 for a mule appropriated by a Union army officer forty-four years ago has finally passed the House. The mule has been waiting at the doors of Congress for more than forty years, said Representative Dawson, of Iowa. He would like to send the mule, and James R. Wyckoff, of Baldwin, Ia., will get the purchase price of \$150.

Wyckoff's claim showed that a Northern officer took a fancy to the Wyckoff mule on the Wyckoff farm in Tennessee in 1844. He persuaded the mule to leave the farm and join the Federal army. He forgot to pay for it or give the former owner a voucher.

CREATE BARRIERS

Nathan Straus Outlines Plans for Fight Against Tuberculosis.

NEW YORK, December 20.—Record-breaking attendance marked the progress of the sessions of the International Tuberculosis Exhibit at the American Museum of Natural History to-day. The exhibit is a day's meeting was addressed by Nathan Straus, who declared that in the fight against the great white plague, the only way to win is to create barriers.

These, he declared, were a ban on the importation of diseased cattle, and the prohibition of the use of the designation, "pasteurized," on milk that has not been pasteurized, but merely preserved.

MURDERED CHINAMAN

The Bodies of Two Are Found, Hacked With Axes.

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, December 20.—Two more murder mysteries were added to-day to a half dozen which have been puzzling the police of this city. The bodies of two Chinamen, with their heads hacked and throats cut, were discovered by the police in a laundry on Jarvis Avenue, a few blocks from the main street of the city.

They arrived here two months ago from Vancouver. Bloody axes were found on the floor. At no money was taken, members of some secret society in China are suspected.

English Editor Dead. BOSTON, MASS., December 20.—John H. Kerrison, formerly publisher and owner of several newspapers in England, and the founder of the "first penny daily" in this country, died to-night at the age of seventy years. Mr. Kerrison started the first half-penny daily in England at Liverpool.

Moonshiner Dies. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., December 20.—"Deb" Moore, the alleged moonshiner, shot yesterday while resisting arrest by three officers near Whelan's, died from his wounds at a hospital here this afternoon. Moore, it is alleged, when ordered to stop, reached for his own gun, but was shot down before he could use it.

Cardinal Dead. CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., December 20.—Cardinal Victor Tuculan Sulpice Lecot, Archbishop of Bordeaux, died at a hotel here to-day from hemorrhage of the brain while returning from a visit to Rome.

Weather. Fair.

HE MISSED TRAIN, COMMITTS SUICIDE

Deputy-Sheriff Runkion, of North Carolina, Kills Himself.

IS FOUND BY WIFE ON RETURN FROM DINNER

Had Been in Asheville on Christmas Shopping Expedition, and Was in Good Health and Spirits Up to Then—Was a Man of Some Wealth.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ASHEVILLE, N. C., December 20.—There was no apparent cause, other than a fit of irritation, caused by his having missed a train, Fred Runkion, deputy sheriff of Madison county, this afternoon put a pistol to his left temple and shot himself through the head, dying almost instantly.

Deputy Sheriff Runkion, accompanied by his wife, came to Asheville from Marshall, Saturday morning, to do some Christmas shopping, and registered at the Windsor Hotel. He left an order at the office to be called for the morning train, but when awakened failed to arise, and as a consequence missed his train.

Found Husband Dead. He later showed much irritation, and refused to leave his room for dinner, and his wife went to the dining-room alone. On returning to her room after the meal, she found her husband lying across the bed dead, with blood trickling from a wound in his forehead. The pistol was still clutched in the right hand.

There was no known cause for the suicide. Runkion being in apparent good health and spirits up to a few hours before the shooting. He was a well known man in Madison county, and possessed of considerable wealth.

The sudden shock of the tragedy has left Mrs. Runkion prostrated.

NEW MEXICO'S CLAIMS

Governor Curry Makes Strong Plea for Admission to Statehood.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20.—"We have a wide awake, progressive, industrious and intelligent population, and we want to be treated like men." In these words Governor George Curry, of New Mexico, couches an appeal for admission to statehood in his annual report to the Secretary of the Interior, made public to-day.

Governor Curry says New Mexico's growth is excellent, but no strikes, no record of its industries; the laws enacted by its Legislature are good; gambling is prohibited and the "Sunday closing" law is enforced. He says that the population of the Territory is over 450,000, and that there is over \$300,000,000 worth of property in New Mexico, in addition to its coal, timber and fertile lands.

PISTOL DEMONSTRATION

Thornton Hains's Brother Fires Twice at Range.

NEW YORK, December 20.—Major John P. Hains, U. S. A., gave a demonstration of an automatic pistol similar to an one used by his brother, Captain Hains, when William E. Annis was killed in the Astoria Schutzen Park to-day, with the idea of showing that there can be no irregularity in spacing shots from it when it is fired rapidly, as has been testified by witnesses in the Hains trial, now under way.

Six shots were fired, according to the chronometer, in 1 3/4 seconds. The major fired again, the six shots following faster than one could count. These were the last, for the mainspring of the pistol had broken.

CUPID AMID FROSTS

Couple Who Have Reached Threescore.

BURLINGTON, N. J., December 20.—Announcement of the coming wedding of Sheldon S. Davis, of this city, and Elizabeth E. Jefferson, of Philadelphia, surprises the friends of the pair, both of whom are past the threescore mark. The bridegroom-to-be is a prominent businessman and his marriage will be the third embarking upon the matrimonial sea.

A romantic feature of the nuptials is the fact that Miss Jefferson is the fourth member of the caste in the "Old Maids' Convention" recently presented by the Union Methodist Episcopal Church to fall a victim to Cupid's dart.

Carnegie to Testify. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20.—Andrew Carnegie arrived in the city to-day to appear to-morrow as a witness in the tariff hearing on the steel schedule before the House Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Carnegie, when seen to-night, declined to make a statement on the tariff question, or to indicate the character of his testimony before the committee.

TAKES THE OATH

General Antoine Simon Now President in Fact of Hayti.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, December 20.—General Antoine Simon, newly elected President of Hayti, took the oath of office this morning at the palace, where a special sitting of the legislative bodies was held, and in the presence of the foreign diplomats, the officers of the American and Italian warships, and the garrison of the city. Senator Paulin officiated, and demanded that the President respect the Constitution and the other laws of the republic.

General Hippolyte, Minister of the Interior, who responded in behalf of General Simon, promised that every effort should be made to maintain order in carrying on the government.

Later at the reception held in the palace, General Simon, in a speech, officially presented the respects of the foreign ministers. M. Claude, Minister of Foreign Affairs, gave assurances that the government would maintain cordial relations with all the nations.

President Simon then attended a service at the cathedral, where the "Deum" was sung after which he proceeded on horseback, followed by a brilliant escort, through the principal streets of the city, where he was acclaimed by all.

CONSULAR EXAMINATION

Only Nineteen Out of Forty-Five Applicants Were Successful.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20.—The Board of Examiners has certified to the Secretary of State a list of successful candidates, made public to-day, who are eligible to appointment in the consular service. The list of the examinations prescribed by the board. Of the seventy-one candidates who were designated for the examination last July, forty-five took the examination, and only nineteen passed the examination. In the November examination fifty-eight candidates were designated, and of these thirty-seven were examined, out of which only twenty-three were successful.

Among those successful in the examination for the post of consul were: John A. Ray, Texas; Claude L. Dawson, South Carolina; Charles L. Latham, North Carolina; William W. Haskell, South Carolina; Philip E. Holland, Tennessee; George B. Schumacher, Florida; Robert L. Letcher, Georgia; Albert W. Roberts, Florida; and Stuart K. Puton, Tennessee.

BRAVE IN PERIL

Clergyman's Wife Shows Wondrous Fortitude in Extremity.

OCEANOGRAPHY, December 20.—Aris before daylight to look after her bread-rising, the wife of Rev. Dr. W. H. Russell was suddenly seized with a violent attack of cholera, and fell in her night dress across the kitchen range, burning her right side severely. The glass lamp was carrying her under the table, and she lay there in a blaze to the ceiling.

Mrs. Russell's extreme peril aroused her heart action and she grabbed a portable lantern, and, holding it aloft, she burned on her left side and hands by the wick. The broken glass from the wrecked lamp cut her hands and feet badly.

After cleaning up the debris and keeping her accident secret from her family, she walked several blocks to a doctor's office to be treated. She was dressed, then went back and baked her bread.

BAFFLED BY CENT

Cheapest of All Counterfeits Is Too Good to Be True.

CHICAGO, December 20.—"The cheapest counterfeit in the world" is the term applied yesterday by Captain Thomas I. Porter, of the Government Secret Service, to a small, cheap, counterfeit of the United States flag, who is making bogus pennies and circulating them throughout the city. The person who steals pennies from children is a counterfeit, besides the counterfeit, added the captain.

This is the first instance of a penny being used as a counterfeit, and an extensive scale. The bogus pennies, which are made of real copper, is so good that it would deceive any but an experienced eye.

For several days Secret Service Operator Drautberg and other government agents have been trying in vain to catch the counterfeit.

SLAYS BIG BEAR

Intrepid Nimrod Pursues Bear Fearlessly Into His Lair.

WILKESBARRE, PA., December 20.—A 600-pound bear, the largest shot in this part of the State this season, was brought to this city to-day. It was shot by a hunter named George Cassen, of North Mahanoy, who was tracking him in Bradford county.

The bear and his cubs were first seen last Wednesday morning. It was followed all day Wednesday and Thursday, and late yesterday was run down by a Indian Cave, eight miles from Mahanoy. All efforts to get it out failed, and then Cassen, with a gun in one hand and a torch in the other, entered.

He found the bear in a far corner, threw the torch at it, and then fired three shots, killing it before it could charge him.

FOUND WIFE DEAD

Asbury Park Man's Discovery on Return From Business Trip.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., December 20.—Returning from a three days' business trip to Newark, and receiving no reply to his repeated knocking at his home, No. 814 Third Avenue, a party named Asbury Park, on breaking open the door, found his wife a corpse.

A grand daughter, Corinne White, had just been born alive late Wednesday afternoon. Doctors said the woman had been dead several days. Valuable heart disease, caused death. She was fifty-seven years old, and, with her husband, had been a resident for thirty-five years.

KILLS HIMSELF

William R. Kelly, Cashier of Union Pacific, Puts Bullet in Brain.

OMAHA, NEB., December 20.—William R. Kelly, cashier of the Union Pacific Railroad at South Omaha, committed suicide at his home to-day by sending a bullet through his brain.

Kelly's office has been undergoing a periodical checkup by the auditor of the past week, but Union Pacific officials declared that, so far as the auditor had gone, Kelly's accounts were in perfect condition.

He was twenty-eight years old, and was a son of W. R. Kelly, former general solicitor of the Union Pacific road.

FIGHTS FOR TOGAS ARE INTERESTING

Thirty Senators Will Be Elected Before the Next Congress.

MANY DEFEATS ARE ALREADY CERTAIN

Ohio and Pennsylvania Will Furnish the Exciting Contests for the Republicans, and Indiana for the Democrats—Very Peculiar Situation Exists in Oregon.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20.—While the terms of thirty-one Senators expire on March 4 next, eighteen of these number already have been re-elected or assured of re-election.

In addition to the vacancies occurring by reason of a provision of the Constitution, there will be a vacancy in Pennsylvania on account of the forthcoming resignation of Senator Knox to accept the portfolio of Secretary of State in the Taft Cabinet. There will be a scramble for Mr. Knox's position which will equal in interest the contest now going on in Ohio for Foraker